

# DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING NOW, USE CHRISTMAS SEALS, AND MAIL EARLY

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

# BANDITS GET \$200,000 FROM FEDERAL BANK

## SHORT STORIES

### GAS EQUIPMENT EXAM NEAR END

**Bulk of Preliminary Work Almost Completed.**

#### INVENTORY NEXT

**Two Months Will Be Required to Finish Audit**

With over 70 holes tapping every section of mains or laterals laid by the Peoples Gas Company since its organization, engineers employed to value the property on the city have practically completed their examination of the distributed system. The examination of the equipment at the plant has also been practically completed, and the remainder of the work largely consists of inside work.

**Examine All Equipment.**

With the inventory submitted by the company as a guide, every piece of equipment or machinery listed by the company is actually examined by the engineers, who note its type, age and present actual condition. The determination of the value from these facts, which is the larger part of the job, is then a matter of office calculation of costs.

This calculation, and the audit of the company books, is expected to require the major part of the two months which the firm has required for the inventory.

The firm of Burns & McDonnell consulting engineers of Kansas City, a house of 25 years standing, is directing the work. The actual examination of properties here is being made by Lt. L. Baldwin and J. B. Reynolds, engineers of the firm who are specialists employed in gas plant work.

**Gas Boundaries.**

The distributing system of the gas company serves, broadly speaking, that part of the city between Houston Avenue through the Model Addition to the Beaumont highway, and between Lake Shore Drive and Taft street. In addition to this, Beaumont Avenue, on which the main feed line comes from the plant, is served pretty well through its entire length. There are two gas lines on the Taft street side where the mains only go as far as the alley between Eighth Street and Ninth—one at the Houston Avenue end, the other at the city limit end of Taft. On Atlanta Avenue an extension runs up to the alley between Thomas Boulevard and Twelfth street, running east then three blocks, and in the San Augustine Avenue neighborhood an extension runs up the alley between that avenue and DeQueen Boulevard, practically to Twelfth street. These extensions, and the pipes in the Model Addition, are a part of the new construction inventoried, and made following the taking over of the plant by the Peoples Gas Company.

**A young lady acquaintance** informed me of N. S. that the young man who quarreled with her need not think he is alone in his attachment, after Christmas has passed.

**The society for the prevention of needless Christmas giving** has again made its annual protest but the sale of neckties which contain six more colors than the rainbow are continuing and increasing.

"Speedy" Spiegel of the First National bank requested a young woman to endorse a check which she presented at his window. Accordingly, she wrote on the back of it these words: "I heartily endorse this check."

**The boy of six stands in front of the store windows and picks out what he hopes someone will give him for Christmas. The man of sixty stands before the window and selects what he hopes no one will give him.**

**The old fashioned man who thought a football coach was a four-wheeled affair and who believed that forward pass was a pastime that admitted the holder to the game without cost, now has a son who thinks Walter Camp is a place where the players do their early season training.**

**Deaf Pianist and Dancer 'Sees' N. Y. Sights by Sound**

**Largest Brokerage Firm in S. W. Loses Exchange Seat**

**NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Helen Heckman, who, although deaf, is an accomplished pianist and dancer, will today see the sights of New York.**

**The 'Oklahoma wonder girl,' as she is known in her home town, at Muskogee, attends concerts and plays and is not annoyed by the noise made by the average New York audience.**

**Yet she can tell perfectly what is going on by lip reading and by feeling the vibrations at concerts.**

**HOUSTON-FIBLE CO. GOES UNDER**

**FARMER DIES AFTER FALLING OFF TREE**

**EDNA, Texas, Dec. 18.—Otto Klem, 25 years old, a farmer of the Klem settlement, died from the effects of an accident earlier in the week. He was cutting wood in the bottom, when a large limb fell from a tree and struck him on the head. The body was buried in the Edna Cemetery.**

**REAPPOINTED**

**Blackstock and Robinson Return to Pt. Arthur**

**Both Rev. W. E. Blackstock, pastor of the First Methodist church, and Rev. C. R. Robinson, superintendent of the Houston district of the church, who makes his home here, were re-appointed to their present charges by the conference which adjourned Sunday night at San Antonio.**

**TEXAS TOURISTS HIT BY SPEEDING CAR**

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**TO STAND TRIAL**

**Wife of Sleuth Circus Man Held for Murder**

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**coverings.**

**LAST OF BRITISH RULE IN IRELAND ENDS**

**DUBLIN, Dec. 18.—British military rule in Ireland came to an end yesterday, after six hundred years.**

**The final spectacle in the historic drama was enacted on the quays of the Liffey; one after another, when four transports slipped away into the port bound for England.**

**STATE CANVASSERS MEET**

**AUSTIN, Dec. 18.—The state canvass board will meet this afternoon in canvas election of the November election. All counties except ten have made reports to the board.**

## 32 of Ship Crew Found After Believed Lost

### VICE EVIDENCE IS ASKED BY COWEN

**Officer Before Bible Class Scores Auto Parties**

**Hurling a challenge at "Sons called**

**to deny they patronized bootleggers, gambling dens and vice in Port Arthur," Detective Bee Cowen writing before 550 men attending the Bible class of the First Baptist church, meeting Sunday morning in the Peoples Theatre, asked that the citizenship co-operate with the police department.**

"Give us the evidence that will convict and stop patronizing the very things you want the police to clean up," Cowen declared. He pointed out the small number of men on the police force and the difficulty of getting convictions under the present state laws against vagrancy.

Autonomous parties along the less frequented roads around Port Arthur were spread by Cowen, and he declared he could furnish the names of some of the men and women known to him to be members of these parties.

Following Cowens talk, Rev. Culp

asked as to the proportionate reductions for larger consumers to be paid voluntarily by the company, the city attorney, who is preparing the ordinance, will advise the city commission this afternoon. The fixing of proportional rates to larger users will then be a matter between the gas company and those users, he said.

**Evidence Issue**

Inasmuch as the proportionate reductions for larger consumers is fixed voluntarily by the company, the city attorney believes that it would be hard for the city to establish the equality of those rates in the threatened court action by the gas company.

It has been the expressed plan of the mayor to make a proportionate reduction in rates for the larger quantities, as made between the maximum rate proposed by the company, and the maximum to be set in the temporary ordinance.

The gas company would then, it is believed, have to work out a scale which would suit the few large users in order to hold them.

**Smashes Record for Cargo Tonnage and Draft**

**CARRYING THE LARGEST CARGO OF OIL EVER LOADED IN PORT ARTHUR OR THE ENTIRE SABINE DISTRICT, THE BRITISH TANKER SAN PATRICIO SAILLED THURSDAY AFTERNOON FROM SABINE BAR DRAWING 31 FEET OF WATER, IT WAS ANNOUNCED BY SYDNEY G. COLLIN, AGENT.**

**LOADING 14,000 TONS OF FUEL OIL IN 21 HOURS AT THE TEXAS COMPANY'S PORT ARTHUR TERMINALS, THE SAN PATRICIO SAILLED THURSDAY AFTERNOON FOR SABINE, WHERE 1840 ADDITIONAL TONS OF BUNKER OIL WERE LOADED.**

**DRAWS 31 FEET**

**THE DEADWEIGHT TONNAGE OF THE SHIP, WHICH INCLUDES CARGO, BUNKERS, AND STORES, WAS 10,112 TONS AND THE CRAFT WAS DRAWING 32 FEET AT 25-1/2 INCHES FORWARD; WHEN SHE SAILLED OUT OF SABINE Sunday afternoon, HAD THE BUNKER BERTH AT SABINE BEEN AVAILABLE, THE SAN PATRICIO WOULD HAVE BROKEN THE QUICK TIME RECORD REACHED THERE BY MR. COLLIN SAID.**

**CARGO TO FRENCH NAVY**

**CREW SUCCESSFULLY HANDLING THE CRAFT FOR THE FRENCH MINISTRY OF MARINE.**

**McFARLAND AND FRED PLUMMER, AND TO THE TUG BOAT COMPANIES, HE STATED TODAY. THE SAN PATRICIO, HE SAID,**

**HAD A LENGTH OVERALL OF 350 FEET, A BEAM OF 64 FEET, AND WHEN SHE SAILLED FROM THE TEXAS COMPANY WAS DRAWING 27 FEET.**

**OWNERS OF THE VESSEL ARE THE EAGLE OIL TRANSPORT CO., LTD., OF LONDON, AND THE FUEL OIL LOADED IN PORT ARTHUR WAS CONSIGNMENT TO A FRENCH TART FOR THE FRENCH MINISTRY OF MARINE.**

**Mr. Collin, local agent for the London company, said today.**

**NOTABLE SCORE MADE BEFORE JUDGE ELLIS TODAY**

**Convictions in recorder's court today scored a 100 per cent beating average, as it were, Judge Ellis declared.**

**TWENTY-ONE TRIALS AND TWENTY-ONE CONVICTIONS WAS THE RECORD HUNG UP HE SAID, AND FEES RANGING FROM \$5 AND COSTS TO \$25 AND COSTS, HE SAID.**

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**Many of the cases were on complaints of vagrancy, filed against a number of negro men and women arrested across the tracks early Sunday morning by Night Captain J. L. Fox and Officers Morton and Servings, and the remaining were hearings on complaints of intoxication, affrays and the disturbance of the peace, Judge Ellis said.**

**Authorities redoubled their efforts after a vanity case, identified as the property of Mrs. Trostel, was found on the canal bank.**

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**QUAKE FELT**

**HARVARD RECORDS FRACTURE 1,621 MILES AWAY**

**CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 18.—Slight earthquake tremors were recorded at the Harvard Seismograph station here today, it was announced.**

**The tremors indicated the disturbance to be about 1,621 miles away, probably in the direction of the West Indies, it was said. The first tremor was recorded at 7:30:57 a.m.**

**Cloudy**

**Local forecast: Tonight and Tues-**

**day cloudy; temperature 40°.**

**Wednesday, 58°; minimum temperature, 32°.**

**Thursday, 58°; minimum temperature, 32°.**

**Friday, 58°; minimum temperature, 32°.**

**Saturday, 58°; minimum temperature, 32°.**

**SUNDAY, 58°; minimum temperature, 32°.**

**TIDE RECORD**

**Time of high and low water at Edinburg Pass: High under normal condi-**

**tions on usage, 10:05 a.m.; low under normal conditions, 4:15 p.m.**

**Time of high and low water at Beaumont: High under normal condi-**

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# FASTESE HORSES IN WORLD CLOSED BAG OF TRICKS TO ALL BUT DRIVER

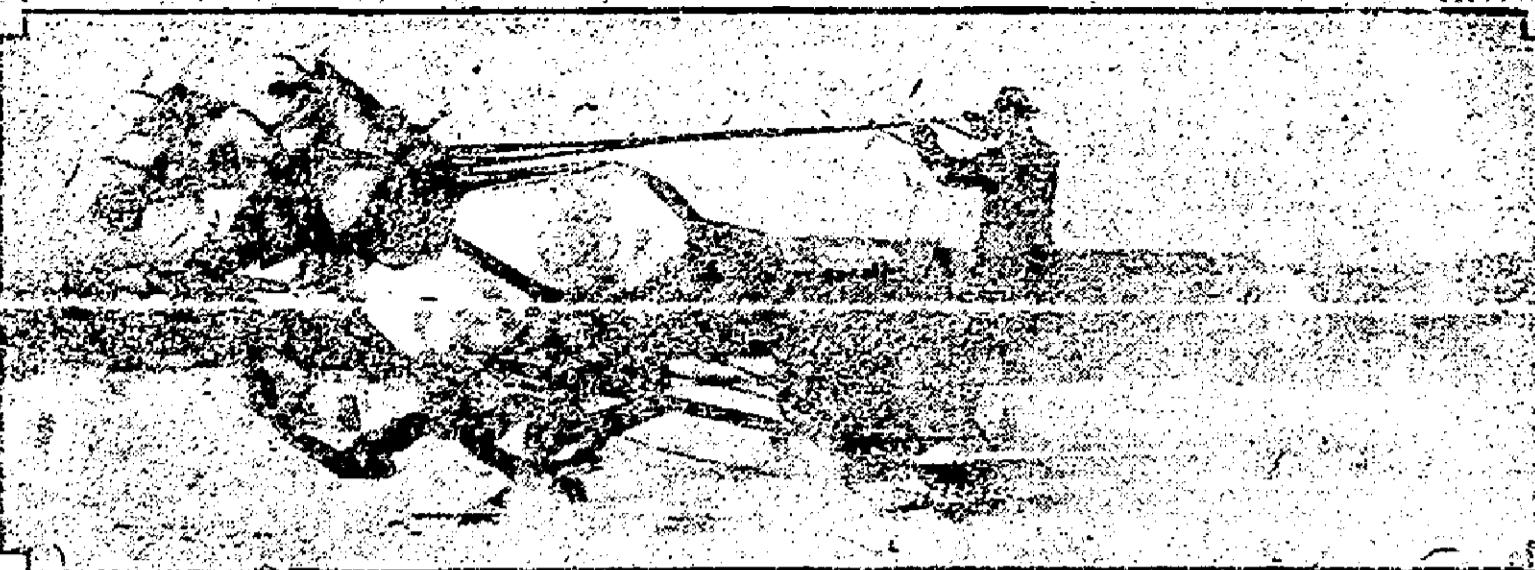
AND OTHER NEWS  
CAMERAGRAMS



THEIR "BEEF EATING" and proud of it, too!—these Yeomen of the Guard were shown leaving the British Houses of Parliament recently after their usual tour of inspection. The Yeomen—known as "beef eaters" since the days of Henry VIII—form a guard of honor to the king. Its membership is restricted to officers and non-commissioned officers of the British army with records for long and meritorious service.



LABOR LEADERS In San Francisco have chosen Mrs. May Nolan, widow of the late congressman, John L. Nolen, as their candidate to succeed her husband. Nolen was an iron moulder until he and his wife started studying, through which he rose to labor's spokesman in Congress. Mrs. Nolan is considered by labor as capable of carrying on his work.



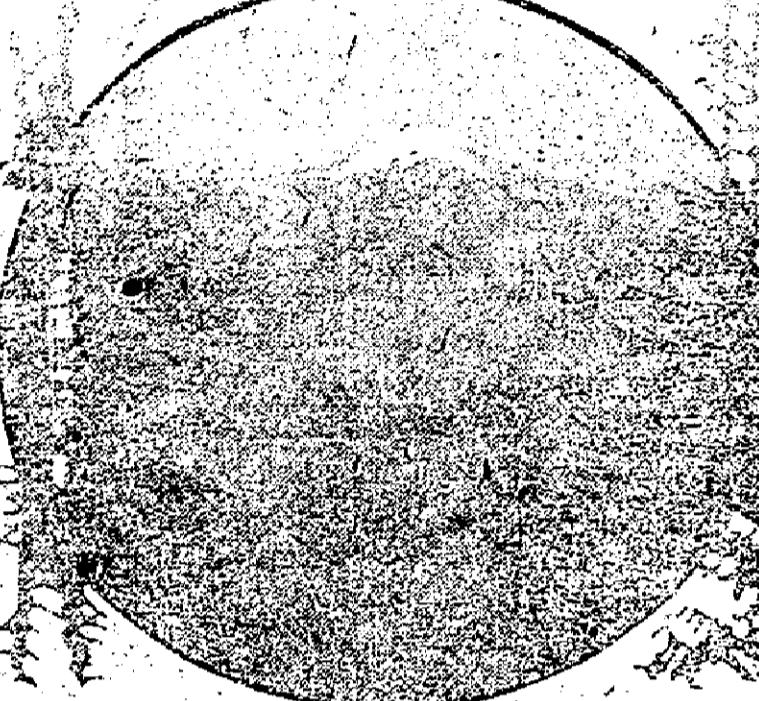
HERE THEY ARE, FASTEST FIRE HORSES in the whole world! You have the word of Bird Mackey, their driver, and the rest of the citizenry of Presque Isle, Maine, for this. Recently, the team made a quarter of a mile in 29 seconds flat, drawing the sledge shown above. In addition to their speed, Presque Isle's equine fire fighters are clever. They know lots of tricks, and perform them—if Bird Mackey directs them. Otherwise, they won't, so as the town is proud of the horses, it looks like Bird's job is a cinch, regardless of who's mayor.



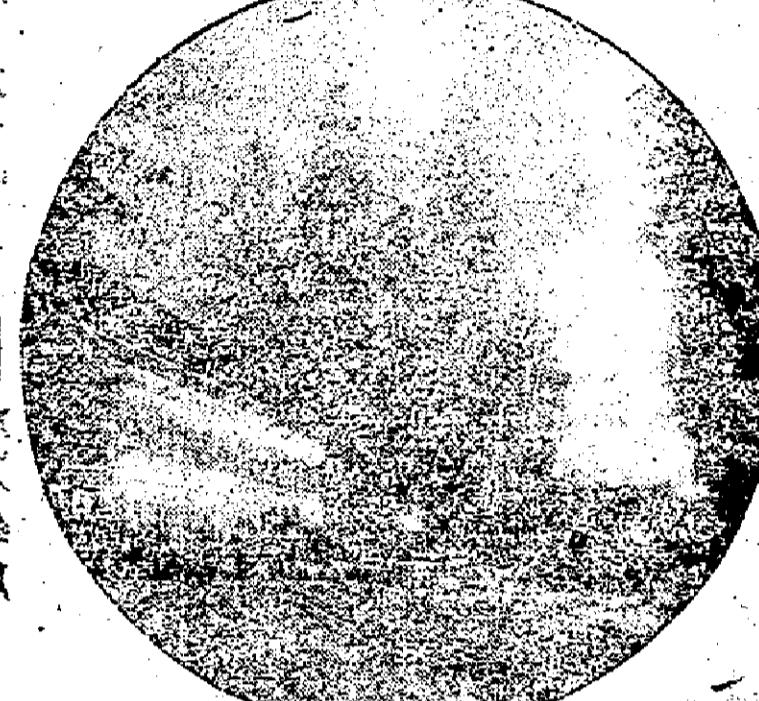
HERE'S THE FIRST PIERCE-ARROW, which recently averaged the speed of 25 miles an hour between New York and Buffalo. It was driven by George Ulrich, who drove it over that route 21 years ago, when horses used to scare people used to stare and 25 miles was considered wild speed.



"WAR MADE ALL BOOKS on Africa out of date," declares W. D. Boyce, Chicago newspaper publisher and globe trotter. Therefore, he has sailed for the Dark Continent to spend a year revisiting places he explored before and traversing new territory. He will gather material for his new book, "Africa of Today," showing the changes wrought by the World War.



MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP HAS reached great heights in Africa—over 6000 feet to the summit of Mt. Spokane, in Washington, for instance. The city of Spokane has acquired title to the peak, improved its roads, and made National Park the great outdoor supply the Christmas tree. A giant made it an all-year playground. In summer, it is crowded with campers pine or fir is selected, decorated with thousands of lights and set ablaze at picnics parties, while in the winter months, it is used for sled jumping night. Hundreds come from the California sunshine to the snow-covered national park to take part in the outdoor tree pageant.



YOSEMITE'S OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS TREE—Each Christmas at Yosemite National Park the great outdoors supplies the Christmas tree. A giant pine is selected, decorated with thousands of lights and set ablaze at picnics parties, while in the winter months, it is used for sled jumping night. Hundreds come from the California sunshine to the snow-covered national park to take part in the outdoor tree pageant.



THIS CARRIER OF UNCLE SAM'S MAIL is so close to Santa's domain that he uses the same sort of transportation, reindeer and sled. The route of this mailman extends from Kotzebue to Point Barrow, Alaska, northernmost community in the western hemisphere. It is advisable to mail Christmas presents early if he is to deliver them—as most of the coast ports are frozen up nearly all year long. The presents he will deliver this Christmas were mailed from America several months ago.



NOW THAT HE'S CONQUERED the White Plague himself, Christie Mathewson, famous pitcher, is putting in extra innings in New York, selling Christmas seals to help cure other tubercular sufferers. "Big Six" is as effective in this humanitarian salesmanship as he was in his heyday as the idol of the baseball fans.



SOME OTHER FOLKS' JOBS  
Maybe you hanker for an unusual or strenuous occupation? Look these over. You might try collecting mail like the man above. It's laborious all the time, and particularly so now. Snow, sleet, rain, can't stop him; he plods through the night. Look at the high position the chap in the upper right has reached. The window cleaner blisters in summer, freezes in winter—and a misstep means death. The keyboy of the bath houses (upper right) has a job that's strenuous physically and mentally. Below, left, is the man who walks the streets in the chill of the night. It's uninteresting—but necessary. Keeping the signal lights burning along the streets isn't thrilling, but safety demands that he polish, trim and hang out the warnings.



RAISING THE DOUGH comes a lot easier for Miss Ruth Spanier, who with her mother conducts a bakery at Corona, N. Y., now that her uncle in California sent her \$55,000. But Ruth isn't going to loaf—you can bet your biscuits! The town looks to Ruth and her mother to supply it with bread, and she says she hasn't the crust to close up shop.



TRANSFUSION of blood from dog to dog is the intent. "Major," prize bull terrier shown above, is alive in Oakland, Calif., as a result of such a transfusion, in which "Apache French," another pedigree canine, gave his blood to his playfellow, who was bleeding to death as the result of an operation to remove a spout. "Major" swallowed when he too greedily ate a dish of ice cream. Both are doing nicely, thanks.



THIS IS "BUNNYKIT," with a rabbit father and a cat mother. Its tail and method of travel—especially its long hind legs—are rabbit traits, but in all other respects it resembles its feline ancestry. The animal attracted much attention at the recent Nebraska Cat Show. Some are now planning on crossing a rooster and a shad—which lays 1,000,000 eggs at a time!

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## HENDRICKS' PLAN

Representative Homer Hendricks of Ellis  
county has prepared a bill for the creation of a  
commission on constitutional amendments  
which will be introduced at the next session of  
the legislature. As drafted the bill provides a  
commission of seven members to be selected by  
the governor. One to represent the agricultural  
interests, one to represent working men, one to  
represent business men and four to represent  
the general public.

He would have the commission convene in  
Austin July 1923, to make an exhausted study  
of the present constitution, hold hearings, col-  
lect information and statistics and make re-  
ports to the Thirty-ninth legislature along the  
line of needed amendments to the present con-  
stitution, the legislature in turn to submit the  
amendments to the people.

The Hendricks bill provides that the mem-  
bers of the commission shall serve without pay  
but receive \$500 per day for expenses while  
in session. The bill also provides for a general  
secretary who shall receive a salary of \$250  
per month and the measure carries an approp-  
riation for the purposes of the bill. Representa-  
tive Hendricks, while in Harvard University  
began to try to find what information he  
could on the subject. When he began his in-  
vestigation he was one of those who favored a  
new constitution for Texas. Now he is conver-  
to the commission constitutional amendment  
plan.

He declares that the modified convention  
plan has been very successful in other states  
but it can not be used in Texas because of  
the section of the present constitution which  
provides that amendments to the present consti-  
tution can be submitted to the people only by a  
regular session of the legislature acting by way  
of concurrent resolution. Representative Hend-  
ricks contends that 20 or 25 amendments  
should fill every need of the state and the vot-  
ers would have an opportunity to express  
themselves on each of these amendments. He in-  
sists that the reason why amendments in the  
past have not been more successful is that  
they have been drawn up in a haphazard man-  
ner without regard to plan and have been sub-  
mitted to the people and forgotten about until  
election day.

He is going to submit the bill on his own  
merit. He believes what is most to be desired  
is to bring about needed changes in the con-  
stitution and he makes the sweeping declara-  
tion that in no instance in recent years has  
an entirely new constitution been submitted to  
the people with success.

"We should not, we can not, deprive the  
voters of the right of accurately repression at  
the polls," is the slogan of the representative  
of Ellis county.

There are 150 representatives of the lower  
house. Representative Hendricks has his own  
point of view. There are 149 others. Accord-  
ing to the returns from Illinois, the voters re-  
jected a new constitution for the reason or the  
alleged reason that many jokers had been  
planted in it by corporation lawyers or the  
representatives of the so-called big interests.

First, the farmers arrayed themselves against  
the document; then the labor organization rail-  
led their forces.

Constitution makers always invite defeat  
when they attempt to safeguard the interests  
of gigantic corporations and overlook the in-  
terests of the producing masses. This is what  
they say happened in Illinois. If there is to be  
a new constitution drafted, it should not happen.

In his Brenham speech, the governor declared  
that if the makers of a new constitution would  
draft a good one, it would be adopted by the  
people; if they drafted a bad one it would be  
rejected by the people by a majority over-  
whelmingly.

Correct this sentence: "I hope," said the  
little boy, "that Santa Claus won't bring me  
anything that I can make a noise with."

That Arkansas man who got a dog license in  
stead of a marriage license probably felt that  
he was going to lead a dog's life, anyway.

An executive really hasn't anything to do  
except wonder where business is coming from  
and where the pay roll is coming from.

## IT HAPPENED IN ILLINOIS

Illinois voted down a new constitution by  
one million majority. There was a reason for it.  
The Farmers of the state revolted and by a  
vote of eight to one they rejected the doc-  
uments submitted to them by its makers. All the  
farm publications denounced the constitution  
or certain of its provisions, giving as a reason  
that it was made by the representatives of  
powerful corporations and was decided unjust  
to the producing masses of the state. Many of  
the leading daily newspapers of Illinois advised  
against its adoption. This should be taken as a  
hint to constitution makers in Texas and elsewhere.  
Here in Texas they must write a document  
that will be fair to all classes and interests.  
They must retain the fundamentals found  
in the document found in 1876 and they must  
not permit wild men or reactionary men to  
incorporate in the constitution to be drafted  
new departures which may arouse the hostility  
of a great army of voters and lead to the de-  
feat of a new constitution when it is sub-  
mitted to the people for adoption.

## Good Evening Folks!

Hints to conservatives: When in doubt, do as  
the Romans do.

Civilization is just a slow process of learning  
to stay up later at night.

It is impossible to remain Mistress of the  
Seas without remaining in hot water.

Some of the idjots are behind tall iron  
fences, and some are behind steering wheels.

"The artistic appeal of the nude" doesn't  
appeal to the same people who enjoy a sunset.

The corn in the shock means prosperity, but  
the shock in the corn makes man feel richer.

And yet that kind of college boy will feel  
a twinge of nausea thirty years from now  
when his own boy acts that way.

The bloom of youth is charming, unless it  
blooms a little higher in one cheek than in the  
other.

Kicking Turkey out of Europe is a noble  
business; kicking Europe out of Turkey is  
wicked.

Peace has her victories. One of them appears  
to consist in dodging the taxes imposed by  
war.

All the filling station men knows about Sun-  
day is that it's the day he sells the most gaso-  
line.

The bachelor has one advantage. He can  
throw them away instead of tormenting his  
feet with the darned spots.

There's nothing so pathetic about Jacob's  
working fourteen years for his wife. Many men  
put in a life-time at it.

If a woman has no children, how does she  
relieve her feelings when another woman snubs  
her?

Well, eating really is rather vulgar, and per-  
haps that's what they mean when they speak  
of Europe's superior culture.

Sometimes you can save a drowning man by  
knocking him unconscious, and that may be  
what the statesmen are trying on Europe.

## C-O-M-M-E-N-T

And now the supreme court of the United States has  
ruled that a bootlegger may be prosecuted twice for the  
same offense. That is, if he has been handled by the  
state court it does not bar prosecution on the part of  
federal prohibition enforcement officials. If a person  
can be punished twice for the same offense and given  
a term in the federal as well as the state penitentiary,  
it should be an easy matter to bring about a drastic  
enforcement of the Volstead act.

William J. Burns is a famous American detective and  
the head of the United States secret service. He was  
called as a witness in the Daugherty case and testified  
that one William N. Jones, convicted in the famous  
Oregon land fraud case, had paid for his pardon granted  
by President Taft in 1912. Jones may have paid for  
his pardon but he never paid the money to President  
Taft or to any official close to President Taft. He may  
have retained a lawyer. All men who are in trouble retain  
lawyers. Jones' lawyer may have had a political pull.

His lawyer may have known how to go about it to obtain  
a pardon for his client but when it came to the pay-  
ment the coin dropped into the pocket of the barrister  
who did the work. There are many pardons granted  
by those who are clothed with pardoning power but  
the fat fees go to those who are legally wise and politi-  
cally strong. They trade on their political pull.

Citizens of Palo Pinto county have organized to float  
an irrigation project. They are going to dam upper Brazos  
river and plans have already been made to inaugurate a  
vigorous appeal to the state legislature for an appropri-  
ation to make a flood control survey in the upper Brazos  
valley. It is said a bill to this effect will be introduced  
at the next session and the well organized committee  
representing 25 counties will throw their influence to-  
ward effecting its passing. Should the Brazos river  
be dammed in Palo Pinto county those who are backing  
the movement say that it will lead to the reclamation of  
50,000 acres of land which can be made as fertile as  
can be found in any section in Texas. Thousands of  
the former farmers and stockmen in the upper country  
have caught the irrigation spirit and everywhere  
throughout the West are organizing for active work  
to bring about flood conservation and land reclama-  
tion. Tillable lands are getting to be scarce in the United  
States. There are millions of acres in West Texas which  
have never known the touch of plow or hoe. There is  
going to be a demand for it in the near future.

Now it is asserted by Secretary S. N. Marrs of the  
state textbook commission that the changes in textbooks  
mean a net additional cost of books to be met by money  
out of available school funds of the state of Texas to  
the amount of \$1,420,620.00 according to a recapitulation  
of the new adoption. In its compilation Secretary  
Marrs said that the amount of net costs of old adoptions,  
together with the net exchange values, were subtracted  
from the net cost of new adoptions. This has led to  
a protest on the part of the Dallas Board of education  
and the claim is made by the aforesaid board that it will  
take \$30,000,000 out of the state allotment made to  
the Dallas public schools and this too, at a time when  
the money is needed. Jones has broad shoulders. No refer-  
ence herein made to Col. T. N. Jones of Smith county  
but to old man Jones who is said to be the freight.

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## THE MISTAKES OF THE KAISER

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Premier of France When the War Broke Out

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## KAISER'S FOREBEARS AND HIS EARLY EDUCATION

The Great Elector governed, unified, centralized. He increased the Prussian army from 22,000 men to 214,000. With this example before him, Frederick William I founded bureaucracy. He was the "Spartan-King"—severe and methodical—stepped in army regulations providing, in his actions, a daily lesson to his son—who was to become the Great Frederick. The father himself laid down the principles which were to guide the steps of that son. "It is necessary," he said, "to inculcate into my son the idea that nothing in the world can shed glory upon a prince as can the sword." He would be a despised creature were he not to love the sword; were he not to seek in it and for it, the only glory.

Frederick II profited from these lessons. He kept on sharpening that formidable sword. He increased the army to 180,000 men, in order to make possible recruiting on the immense scale required—impossible for that time and taking into consideration the poverty of the country—he mobilized everything, sucked up all the strength of the land, drained the springs of life by summoning to his aid the springs of commerce, industry and agriculture. Of high mental endowment, moved by deplorable instincts, he left on record his view of how peoples ought to be led.

He created the murderous principle which was to destroy human liberty. In his war, force and the greatness of the State were the supreme goal of the State. Interest justified everything—however king, breeding of swine, faith in the whole as far back as 1740. "When a ruler sees, in a treaty, a danger for his people, it is his duty to violate that treaty, retreat, but without hesitation."

Buitting the Machine State.

Frederick II illustrated all these theories by his own example. His instructions to his envoy at the court of France and the court of England are masterpieces of duplicity. This man, who in his youth, had written the Anti-Machiavelli, in which he set up principles against robbery, brigandage and other criminal acts, was destined to take part toward the end of his life in the odious partition of Poland. Under Frederick II the Prussian State became the prototype of the Machine-State, in which the principle of the State is the essential part.

But a policy of such concentration under a regime of absolutism, disguised as enlightened despotism, produced a strong land. Hence, when Frederick II died the spring began to give way. Prussia stopped short in her forward march. War was still the national industry of Prussia, to be sure, as Mirebaud said, but German union was not to be brought about until later.

These three are the three men who founded the empire.

These heirs succeeded them. Each  
one on account of the contrast be-  
tween them and their predecessors  
or of their own weakness, these three  
are pale in comparison; and, in as  
far as they are concerned, history may  
well content itself with naming them.

The first of them, Frederick William I, was born—an enthusiast  
in what was to endure—and the day when that redoubtable personage  
rose up before William's throne. What with his mother, who felt little esteem  
for the Chancellor, his father, who took Bismarck to task for his illegal  
acts, and his government, who hated him from Slovens-Belzheim and had painful  
memories of 1863, William had been presented, in his family circle,  
from feeling the infatuation which the nation felt at that time for Bismarck. At Bismarck he met a fanatical admirer of Bismarck, a professor of  
history, who took care to change the prince's views. "When the prince left the university," this man wrote later, "he had become, thanks to me, a fervent admirer of Prince Bismarck. I am proud of having brought this about."

In addition to the influence of the university and that derived from certain  
social meetings, there was also the influence of the barracks. In the barracks it was that the final im-  
pression was stamped upon the youth's mind.

His grandfather's Administration.

In the day when he was regularly marshalled in the army—June 7, 1877—  
his grandfather reminded him, in the presence of the officers of the regi-  
ment, of the special duties of King of Prussia with relation to the army.

"The years of your youth," he said,

"will have been the years of a glorious epoch.

In your father you have a model of what a leader in war and battles should be. In the service upon

which you are entering you will find many things, seemingly insignificant,  
which will appear strange to you, but you must learn that, in military service,  
there is nothing insignificant, that every part in the order of the army must be well made if it is to stand and remain firm."

Naturally, the most typical characteristics of his race are to be found  
at the bottom of a melting-pot, in the soul of William II. But he  
could never shake himself free—in the eyes of those who were not blinded

by his pandering—from his inherent inferiority. In him there was a real lack of the qualities of strength; his fall shows this even more than his previous life. And, after this fall, there is nothing to be seen of "the strong oak" under the bark that was so quickly stripped away.

Father Favored William I.

Then it was, in 1851, that his  
brother William, sixty years of age,  
brought Hegel while waiting to ac-  
cess the throne, which he did in  
1861. He it was who was at last to

provide an outlet for the aspirations of Germany toward unity. Father

which, through three successive reigns,

had refused to show favor to Ger-  
many, now underwent a change. A  
powerful and formidable man, of  
strong intelligence and unshakable  
conscience, with brutal, patient  
and impulsive, contemptuous "air" of  
kings, men, facts, justice and truth.

A host of monsters of intelligence un-  
chained to roam through the forest  
of the human race—Bismarck—now  
appears upon the scene. Was he the  
creator of Germany's welfare? Yes,  
in the eyes of those who have not  
looked as far as 1914.

It was at the outset of the regency  
of Prince William, on the 25th of Jan-  
uary, 1859, that Frederick Wil-  
liam Victor Albert Hohenlohe, fu-

ture emperor of war, was born at  
Berlin, on his mother's side he was

of English blood, but he does not

appear to have inherited its coldness  
nor the humorous turn of the British

mind. His mother, Victoria, was

royal princess of Britain, a daughter

of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert.

His father was the royal prince of

Prussia, Frederick William, who was

to reign under the name of Frederick III.

Kaiser's Early Education

At home, at the period when the

brain receives its first impressions,

the child found himself surrounded

by beneficial influences. The refined

culture of his mother, who found no

obstacles placed in the path of her

educational work by the elegant illus-

trations of Prince Frederick, sought to

influence the little boy and taught

him away from "Prussification." The

truth of the matter was that he was

brought up in opposition to Bismarck

whose shadow loomed darkly before

those who aspired to the throne.

As for the boy's father, a man of

great breadth of mind, he was not